

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A process of producing a wax composition consisting essentially of a microcrystalline wax and a component to be mixed with the wax, comprising mixing the wax and the component to be mixed with the wax by applying an external force at a temperature lower than the melting completion temperature of the wax, wherein

the wax composition comprises 15% to 30% of the component to be mixed with the wax,

the component to be mixed with the wax ~~is at least one selected from the group consisting of a polymer, an inorganic powder and a starch~~ natural rubber or polyisoprene rubber, and

the wax composition obtained comprises no more than 3 ppm of solvent.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The process of producing a wax composition according to claim 1, wherein the mixing of the wax and the component to be mixed with the wax at a temperature lower than the melting completion temperature of the wax is followed by heating the mixture at or above the melting completion temperature of the wax.

Claims 3-5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Withdrawn): A biodegradable wax composition mainly comprising a wax, containing a biodegradable polymer, and having a residual solvent concentration of 3 ppm or lower.

Claim 7 (Withdrawn): A biodegradable wax composition which mainly comprises a wax and contains a biodegradable amorphous polymer and is obtained by the process of producing a wax composition according to claim 1.

Claim 8 (Withdrawn): The biodegradable wax composition according to claim 6, wherein the polymer is isoprene rubber or natural rubber.

Claim 9 (Withdrawn): A biodegradable wax composition mainly comprising a wax and having a moisture permeability of  $3 \text{ g}\cdot\text{mm}/\text{m}^2\cdot 24 \text{ hr}$  or less at  $40^\circ\text{C}$  and 90% RH and a melt flow rate of 0.1 to 1000 g/10 min at  $125^\circ\text{C}$  and 1.2 kgf.

Claim 10 (Withdrawn): The biodegradable wax composition according to claim 9, wherein the content of the wax is 65% to 95% by weight.

Claim 11 (Withdrawn): The biodegradable wax composition according to claim 9, which contains 5% to 35% by weight of polyisoprene or natural rubber as a biodegradable polymer.

Claim 12 (Withdrawn): The biodegradable wax composition according to claim 11, wherein the biodegradable polymer has a weight average molecular weight of 200,000 or more.

Claim 13 (Withdrawn): The biodegradable wax composition according to claim 11, wherein the biodegradable polymer is crosslinked by a crosslinking agent.

Claim 14 (Withdrawn): A biodegradable film comprising a moistureproof layer and a biodegradable resin layer provided on at least one side of the moistureproof layer, the moistureproof layer comprising the biodegradable wax composition according to claim 9.

Claim 15 (Withdrawn): A biodegradable laminate comprising a paper material, the biodegradable wax composition according to claim 9 provided on the paper material, and a biodegradable resin layer provided on the biodegradable wax composition.

Claim 16 (Withdrawn): A biodegradable container comprising a biodegradable container body and the biodegradable film according to claim 14, the biodegradable film covering at least part of the surface of the container body with the biodegradable resin layer facing the direction opposite to the container body.

Claim 17 (Withdrawn): A wax composition mainly comprising a high-melting wax component having an endothermic peak at  $100^\circ\text{C}$  or higher in DSC and a low-melting wax

component having an endothermic peak at 40°C or higher and lower than 100°C in DSC and containing a polymer.

Claim 18 (Withdrawn): The wax composition according to claim 17, which has a ratio of the endothermic value  $\Delta H$  in the region higher than 100°C to the endothermic value  $\Delta H$  in the region lower than 100°C of 0.1 to 5.0 in calorimetry of the wax composition with a DSC.

Claim 19 (Withdrawn): The wax composition according to claim 17, which has a melt flow rate of 0.1 to 1000 g/10 min at 125°C and 1.2 kgf.

Claim 20 (Withdrawn): The wax composition according to claim 17, wherein the high-melting wax component is an amide type wax.

Claim 21 (Withdrawn): The wax composition according to claim 17, wherein each of the high-melting wax component, the low-melting wax component, and the polymer is biodegradable.

Claim 22 (Withdrawn): The wax composition according to claim 17, wherein the polymer is polyisoprene or natural rubber.

Claim 23 (Withdrawn): A moistureproof film comprising a moistureproof layer and a resin layer provided on at least one side of the moistureproof layer, the moistureproof layer comprising the wax composition according to claim 17.

Claim 24 (Withdrawn): A process of producing a laminate having a layer comprising the wax composition according to claim 17, comprising subjecting the wax composition to processing involving heating at a heating temperature of 100°C or higher, the heating temperature being such that the ratio of the endothermic value in the region higher than the heating temperature to the endothermic value in the region lower than the heating temperature in calorimetry of the wax composition with a DSC is 0.1 to 5.0.

Claim 25 (Withdrawn): The process of producing a laminate according to claim 24, wherein the processing involving heating is molding by melt extrusion.

Claim 26 (Withdrawn): A process of producing a wax composition comprising a wax, comprising mixing the wax and a component to be mixed with the wax by applying an external force at a temperature lower than the melting completion temperature of the wax.

Claim 27 (Withdrawn): A biodegradable wax composition comprising a wax, containing a biodegradable polymer, and having a residual solvent concentration of 3 ppm or lower.

Claim 28 (Withdrawn): A wax composition which comprises a wax and contains a biodegradable amorphous polymer and is obtained by the process of producing a wax composition according to claim 26.

Claim 29 (Withdrawn): A wax composition comprising a wax and having a moisture permeability of  $3 \text{ g}\cdot\text{mm}/\text{m}^2\cdot 24 \text{ hr}$  or less at  $40^\circ\text{C}$  and 90% RH, and a melt flow rate of 0.1 to 1000 g/10 min at  $125^\circ\text{C}$  and 1.2 kgf.

Claim 30 (Withdrawn): A wax composition comprising a high-melting wax component having an endothermic peak at  $100^\circ\text{C}$  or higher in DSC and a low-melting wax component having an endothermic peak at  $40^\circ\text{C}$  or higher and lower than  $100^\circ\text{C}$  in DSC and containing a polymer.

Claim 31 (New): The process of producing a wax composition according to claim 1, wherein the component to be mixed with the wax is natural rubber.

Claim 32 (New): The process of producing a wax composition according to claim 1, wherein the component to be mixed with the wax is polyisoprene rubber.